

Notice of Funding Availability & Partner Applications
FY 2019 Clean Water Construction Treatment Works Projects
Question and Answers

1. **Question:** Can the grant be used to fund drawings and/or design detail?
Answer: Yes, grant funding can be used to fund drawings and designs.
2. **Question:** Does the project need to be shovel ready?
Answer: Project proposals will need to be ready to proceed at the time of funding. For more information about the funding cycle please visit <https://doee.dc.gov/node/1308986>.
3. **Question:** Are large dollar amount requests, in excess of \$2 million dollars, possible for funding?
Answer: DOEE makes no determination regarding the funding amount or number of projects funded. Many past projects have been funded at more than \$2 million dollars. To view past projects and their funding levels please visit <https://doee.dc.gov/node/1308976>.
4. **Question:** Can we learn more about the 19th Street project?
Answer: Through the 19th Street Green Street project, Golden Triangle Business Improvement District (GT BID) will install bioretention cells in the public space to capture stormwater runoff from the street and improved the aesthetics of the corridor. Successful implementation of this type of project requires explicit support from the District Department of Transportation and building owners, and identification of a group to accept long-term responsibility for bioretention maintenance. GT BID is responsible for providing 45% of the project cost, and to do so is soliciting donations from affected property owners, the local business community, and foundations. A similar project being implemented by the American Society of Landscape Architects is Chinatown Green Street demonstration project, and information about this project can be found on the internet.
5. **Question:** Have other successful project applicants partnered with DDOT or other District Agencies?
Answer: Yes, past projects have partnered with other District agencies. A detailed description of partnerships would need to be included in the application.
6. **Question:** Can an applicant partner with multiple groups?
Answer: There is no limitation on the number of project partners.
7. **Question:** Have other successful applications used an expert or a consultant?
Answer: Many past project applicants have hired consultants or technical experts. There are federal contracting requirements that will need to be met before they can be hired. For more information regarding contracting please visit: <https://doee.dc.gov/node/1308996>.

8. **Question:** If a construction project is going to go beyond the code requirements and do additional GI (capturing above the level required by code) could the grant be used to help fund the voluntary additional portion?

Answer: Clean Water Construction projects must be voluntary, and so cannot be used to meet the requirements of a permitted stormwater management plan. However, as long as we have assurance at the time of application that the stormwater regulations will be met and the grant will fund the work above and beyond the stormwater regulations, then the project is eligible for funding.